

SPECIAL CLASSIFICATIONS

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This publication provides general information about transaction privilege tax (TPT) on businesses operating under the private car, pipeline, and membership camping classifications. The Arizona transaction privilege tax is commonly referred to as a sales tax; however, the tax is on the privilege of doing business in Arizona and is not a true sales tax.

For complete details, refer to the Arizona Revised Statutes and the Arizona Administrative Code. In case of inconsistency or omission in this publication, the language of the Arizona Revised Statutes and the Arizona Administrative Code will prevail.

Who Must Pay

Pipeline Classification

Anyone in the business of operating pipelines for transporting oil or natural or artificial gas from one point to another in this state is subject to transaction privilege tax. This does not include sales of natural gas or liquefied petroleum gas for motor vehicles.

Private Car Classification

Anyone in the business of operating, furnishing or leasing railroad cars to be used for transporting persons or freight, *within the state of Arizona*, over railroad lines that they do not own, lease or operate is subject to transaction privilege tax.

Membership Camping

Anyone in the business of marketing and operating private membership campgrounds is subject to transaction privilege tax. Membership camping does not include operating camping or recreational trailer parks that are open to the general public and that contain camping sites which are rented for a per use fee. This classification also does not include operating a mobile home park.

What is the Tax Rate and How Do I Pay

The current combined state and county tax rates can be found in the *Arizona State, County and City Transaction Privilege and Other Tax Rate Tables*. Income from the pipeline activity is reported under business class 007. Income from the private car activity is reported under business class 008. Income from the membership camping activity is reported under business class 047. Most Arizona cities participate in the state collection program, and those taxes are reported and paid on the Transaction Privilege, Use and Severance Tax Return (Form TPT-1). Most of the larger cities license and collect privilege tax independently of the state. If you are unsure whether your city collects its own tax or if the state collects for it, check the *Arizona State, County and City Transaction Privilege and Other Tax Rate Tables*.

NOTE: For ease of reporting, state and county rates are combined on the state's tax rate tables. City tax is reported separately. See Form TPT-1 instructions for details.

Factoring Transaction Privilege Tax

You may choose to charge a single amount for transporting rather than separately itemizing the transaction privilege tax. In this case, you can use "factoring" to compute the tax included in the amount charged to the customer. See Arizona Transaction Privilege Tax Procedure *TPP 00-1* for information about factoring.

What is Taxable

Pipeline Classification

The tax base for the pipeline classification is the total income received from the business. The county tax applies to the location where the oil or gas is delivered to the consumer.

Private Car Classification

The tax base for the private car classification is the total income received from the business. The county tax applies to the location where the cars are operated in the same proportion as the mileage of railroads in each county to the total mileage of railroads in the state over which the cars are operated.

Membership Camping

The tax base for the membership camping classification is the portion of total income received from periodic operating assessments, dues or charges, or fees based on usage and collected from the owners of membership contracts. If your business also provides its members with membership camping outside of Arizona at no additional charge, the tax base is the income received from the members who are Arizona residents. The county tax applies to the location of the campground.

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